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RE APPLICATION OF: Harald Gross

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 13

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August 19, 2003 Date.

AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003, in the subject patent application, having a shortened statutory period for response of August 19, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. ER074143165US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 19, 2003

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	31	minus	32	0	X	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	minus	5	()	X	\$84.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			()			\$280.00	\$00.00
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Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "A". However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. <u>50-1512</u> of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley L. Church

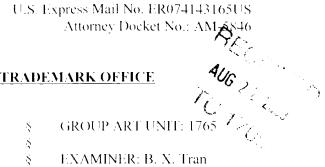
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Claims 1 - 32 are pending in the application.

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